

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner, specifically the subject matter recited in Claims 2-4 and 8. The following amendment amends Claim 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and cancels Claim 2. Now in the application are Claims 1 and 3-10 of which Claims 1 and 9 are independent. No new matter has been added. The following comments address all stated grounds for rejection and place the presently pending claims, as identified above, in condition for allowance.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of original Claim 2. Claim 3 is amended to address a claim dependency issue introduced by the cancellation of Claim 2. Claims 7 and 8 are amended to address matters of form. Claim 9 is amended to include the subject matter of original Claim 2. Claim 10 is amended to clarify the recitation of a surface of each piece of substantially transparent material is provided with a peelable adhesive.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. Applicant respectfully submits the above amendment to Claim 10 clarifies which surface is provided with a peelable adhesive. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,887,590 of Price (hereinafter "Price"). For ease of the discussion below, each related claim set rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is discussed separately.

A. Rejection of Claims 1 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

The Office Action rejects Claims 1 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Price. Applicants request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for the following reasons.

Amended Claim 1 recites the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner in original Claim 2. As such, Price does not anticipate amended Claim 1. Accordingly, dependent Claims 5-7, which depend either directly or indirectly from amended Claim 1, thus incorporate the allowable subject matter of amended Claim 1.

Accordingly, the Price patent does not teach, suggest, or disclose the subject matter of Claims 1 and 5-7, as amended. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of amended Claim 1 and Claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

B. Rejection of Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Price. Applicants request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for the following reasons.

Amended Claim 9 recites the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner in original Claim 2. As such, Price does not anticipate amended Claim 9. Accordingly, dependent Claim 10, which depends from amended Claim 9, thus incorporates the allowable subject matter of amended Claim 9.

Accordingly, the Price patent does not teach, suggest, or disclose the subject matter of Claims 9 and 10, as amended. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of amended Claim 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant contends that Claims 1 and 3-10 are in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues, an opportunity for an interview is requested prior to the issuance of another Office Action. If the above amendments are not deemed to place this case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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